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## **GOVERNOR HULL PROCLAIMS OCTOBER AzEIP FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS MONTH**

(PHOENIX, September 25, 2001) Governor Jane Dee Hull has proclaimed October as Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) Family and Community Awareness month. Through the month of October special activities and events are going to be held to highlight families, communities and the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP). In each area of the state Local AzEIP Program Coordinators, family members, local representatives of the AzEIP participating agencies, and early intervention service providers are planning "AzEIP Family Saturday" events. The purpose of these events is to provide opportunities for families to meet with one another and other early intervention providers to build upon families' social networks and supports, provide useful information about AzEIP and other services, and to have fun.

AzEIP is the statewide interagency system of supports and services for families of infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age, with disabilities or delays. The purpose of early intervention is to help families help their children to develop to their full potential.

The Department of Economic Security is the lead agency. DES/AzEIP works together with the Division of Developmental Disabilities and other DES programs, the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, the Arizona Department of Education, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System and other community resources to implement the Arizona Early Intervention Program.

If you would like to have more information about the AzEIP Family Saturday events in your area you can contact your Local AzEIP Program Coordinator. If you need help in identifying your Local Program Coordinator, please call (602) 532-9960 or (888) 439-5609.

